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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BERSON, RIEGER, DONATUCCI, WIGGINS, MCINTYRE,
BARBER AND H. WILLIAMS, FEBRUARY 10, 1981

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, DECEMBER 15, 1981

AN ACT

1 Establishing fees to be charged by the ~~Register~~ REGISTERS of <—
2 Wills of ~~Philadelphia County~~ COUNTIES OF THE FIRST CLASS. <—

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "~~Philadelphia~~ <—
7 "FIRST CLASS COUNTY Register of Wills Fee Bill Act." <—

8 Section 2. Fees established generally.

9 The fees to be charged by the ~~Register~~ REGISTERS of Wills of <—
10 ~~Philadelphia County~~ COUNTIES OF THE FIRST CLASS shall be as <—
11 established in this act.

12 Section 3. Specific fees.

13 (a) The following fees shall be charged for the granting of
14 letters testamentary and of administration based upon the size
15 of the estate:

16 Estates not exceeding \$250.....	\$ 10
17 Over \$250, but not exceeding \$1,000.....	25

1	Each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, but not	
2	exceeding \$10,000.....	10
3	Over \$10,000, but not exceeding \$50,000.....	150
4	Over \$50,000, but not exceeding \$200,000.....	225
5	Over \$200,000, but not exceeding \$300,000.....	300
6	Each additional \$100,000 or fraction thereof over	
7	\$300,000.....	75

8 (b) The following fees shall be charged for the filing,
9 advertising and adjudication of the accounts of executors and
10 administrators:

11	Estates not exceeding in value \$1,000.....	\$ 10
12	Each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, not	
13	exceeding \$10,000.....	5
14	Over \$10,000, not exceeding \$25,000.....	100
15	Over \$25,000, not exceeding \$100,000.....	200
16	Over \$100,000, not exceeding \$500,000.....	300
17	Over \$500,000, not exceeding \$1,000,000.....	400
18	Each additional \$500,000 or fraction thereof, over	
19	\$1,000,000.....	300

20 (c) In addition to the fees provided in subsections (a) and
21 (b), an additional 10% fee shall be imposed on the granting of
22 such letters and on filing, advertising and adjudication of such
23 accounts pursuant to and for the purposes stated in section
24 24(d)(1)(iv) of the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.586, No.142), known
25 as the "Judiciary Act of 1976."

26 (d) The following fees shall be charged for the indicated
27 miscellaneous activity or function:

28	Affidavit as to testamentary witnesses, each.....	\$ 2
29	Caveat, filing and entering security.....	12
30	Informal caveat.....	6

1	Perfected caveat.....	6
2	Certification of any record.....	2
3	Certifying record to orphans' court on appeal.....	25
4	Citation.....	12
5	Commission to take testimony of witness.....	12
6	Commission to registers in Pennsylvania to take	
7	testimony of witness.....	12
8	Copy of any record, per page.....	2
9	Execution of commission from registers in	
10	Pennsylvania.....	15
11	Exemplification of any record.....	5
12	Filing foreign fiduciary affidavit in relation	
13	to debts in estates of nonresident decedents...	7
14	Filing and entering bond where additional	
15	security required.....	7
16	Inventory.....	6
17	Each additional page.....	2
18	Petition to amend or revoke decree and letters.....	6
19	Recording exemplified copies of letters of	
20	administration from other states, where	
21	letters of administration are not required	
22	to be issued.....	12
23	Recording exemplified copies of wills from other	
24	states, where letters testamentary, or of	
25	administration, c.t.a. are not required	
26	to be issued; not exceeding ten pages.....	12
27	Each additional page.....	2
28	Renunciation.....	2
29	Short certificate.....	2
30	Subpoena.....	2

1 Waiver of bond..... 2

2 Section 4. Additional fees.

3 The Register of Wills of ~~Philadelphia County~~ A COUNTY OF THE <—
4 FIRST CLASS is authorized to establish fees for services
5 required by Statute or Rule of Court which are not specifically
6 provided in this act. Any additional fees shall be the same as
7 those imposed for similar services as provided in this act.

8 Section 5. Repeals.

9 All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are
10 hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

11 Section 6. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect in 30 days.